

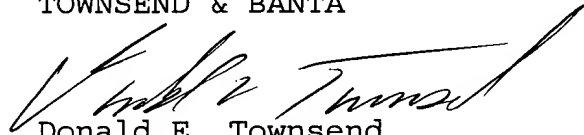
REMARKS

Applicants hereby elect for prosecution in this application the inventions in Group I, which includes claims 1-12 and 14-17.

The application is now believed to be in condition for examination and early action and allowance of the elected invention is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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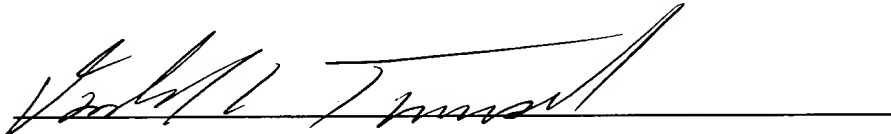
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